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Fountains Abbey. In lovely surroundings in the wooded valley of the Skell, and glorious even in ruin and decay, is the old Cistercian abbey founded in 1132 by Thurstan, Archbishop of York. The buildings, more extensive than any others in England, date from the 13th century, the Golden age of Architecture. They include the church, the cloister, chapter-house, refectory, abbot's lodgings, etc. while the walled close extended over 80 acres, occupied by the monastery orchards, gardens and fish-ponds.

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